



## Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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### Minutes of November 6, 2008

Chair Jo Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:54 PM. She apologized for the late start of the meeting.

Present were: Selectmen Brett Jones, Cynthia Donaldson, S. Josephine Cooper; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Deputy CEO Michael Jordan and Steve Salsbury

**Right of Way – Doug Gott** – Cynthia asked if a 50-foot wide right-of-way is customary. Surveyor Steve Salsbury said it is. Cynthia said it is good to get this out of the way. Mr. Salsbury said he informed Tim Gott about the potholes by the entrance and they will fix them.

Brett noted two sections are shown on the map. Mr. Salsbury explained that the section over the transfer station lot and the section over the piece between the Gott land and the Neleski/Alexander excavations are included.

Jo moved to sign the deeds to exchange rights of way with Doug Gott. Brett 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 3-0.** Jo moved to authorize Stu to sign the transfer tax forms. Brett 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

**Minutes – October 16, 2008** – Cynthia moved to approve the minutes of October 16, 2008. Jo 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

**Minutes – October 30, 2008** - Selectmen had received the minutes just prior to the meeting and preferred to defer acceptance until the next regular meeting.

**Expenditure Warrant 10** – Selectmen signed expenditure warrant 10 for \$266,594.58. Stu said most of the bills were for school expenses and a transfer to the investment account. There was a brief discussion about the Animal Control Bill and the work on Needles Eye Road.

**Cash & Budget Report** – Jo said she was glad the balance owed to the town by the Veterans Memorial Committee is less than \$5,000.

**Excise Tax Report** – Brett noted the number of transactions compared to the previous year is consistent.

**Tree Growth Reimbursement** – Stu said the state sent a letter indicating that an additional \$1,400 would be coming. He explained there was a major error at the state level in distributing tree growth funds.

**State Valuation** – Stu reported the total valuation for the town in the state's eyes was up approximately 6%. He said the figures are 2-years old.

**Needles Eye Road** – Stu reported two fewer beavers are building a dam in the culvert on Needles Eye thanks to ACO Mike Arsenault. He reported the Fowlers have cleared away the dam material from the culvert.

**Bloomfield Park Road** – Brett reported he had driven down the road and the portion leading in to the Branch home has been graded smooth. Mike Jordan reported the trees for the entrance into the park were being cut yesterday. A short discussion followed on the project.

**Letter supporting solid waste grant to Hancock County Planning Commission** – Jo moved to sign the letter as requested by the HCPC. Brett 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 3-0.** Jo signed the letter.

**Addressing Officer** – Jo signed the state update form confirming that Stu was the town's addressing officer for 9-1-1.

**MRC Director Vote** – Brett asks if the town casts one ballot or if each Selectman casts one ballot. Stu said it's one ballot from the town. Selectmen reviewed the candidates. Jo said she would like to vote for Sophie Wilson from Brownville, and there was no objection.

**Audit** – Stu said he spoke with the auditors yesterday and they wanted to know if the Selectmen wished to meet with Jim Wadman again this year. Jo said the board didn't need to meet with Mr. Wadman every year – perhaps every other year.

**Violation of Shoreland Zoning** – Stu reported an amended notice of violation was sent to Ronald and Marie Simons yesterday (11/5/08). Cynthia asked which Code Enforcement Officer will be taking the case, since Deputy CEO Michael Jordan started it. Mr. Jordan said it would be CEO Dennis Ford's responsibility, but he's still working with it. Cynthia asked for further explanation of how it works. Mr. Jordan said he felt he should be present for all the meetings, but Mr. Ford would be the lead guy.

Mr. Jordan reported that a meeting took place on site last week with the Department of Environmental Protection, the State Forest Service, Mr. Simons and his son, Developer Paul Hale, and tree cutter David Crane. Brett asked if Mr. Crane has any potential liability. Mr. Jordan said probably not, but the permit application submitted by Mr. Crane to the State Forest Service did not indicate

that the project was in the Shoreland Zone. He said he brought that to Forest Ranger Rick Henion's attention. Stu cautioned the board to be careful about discussing about who might be liable for what.

Mr. Jordan said the meeting was an interesting discussion, and some things came up about the entire subdivision project, including its presence in the Resource Protection district that was not indicated on the originally approved plan. He said that creates a whole new ballgame. He said the DEP noticed the day of the meeting that the area was in the RP Zone. He said the developers are likely to fight the notice of violation and orders. Jo asked what the developers could stand on. Stu repeated his caution about discussing potential legal matters. Mr. Jordan said the subdivision could lose some lots to the Resource protection zone. He said the town is the enforcement agency on this matter.

**Returnables** – Brett asked about the decision at a previous meeting to use the returnables to make a donation to the THAW fund. He said a person contacted him, concerned about other groups that hold bottle drives and use the returnables. Jo suggested that the Board could talk with Bill Fennelly about coming up with a schedule. Stu asked if it was OK to publicize that the proceeds from the bottles would be contributed to the THAW fund until the end of the calendar year. Selectmen had no objection. Cynthia asked if any specific pattern had been established. Stu said he could craft up a program for a future meeting.

**Budget Workshop** – Selectmen started a workshop to review the administration budget. Discussion followed in the following areas:

- Administrative Salaries
- Photocopier
- Use of the attic space for storage
- Mileage reimbursement
- Assessing (it was agreed to invite the assessors to the next meeting)
- Bidding out the town report
- Computer replacement/upgrades
- Insurance deductible fund

Selectmen said to submit the budget as presented to the Budget Committee.

**Other** – Stu noted that he planned to schedule junkyard renewal hearings for the next meeting, but had not received the applications yet. A short discussion followed in regard to enforcement.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be on November 20, 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst.

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